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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police Charge Three Students with Rape at Mt. Hebron High School** *15-year-old Victim Reports Incident Occurred in School*

Howard County Police have charged three Mt. Hebron High School students with rape after a 15-year-old girl reported being raped in a school bathroom yesterday. Christopher Berry, 16, of 3010 Oak Green Ct. in Ellicott City; Demetrius Myrick, 18, of 3114 W. Normandy Dr. in Ellicott City; and Roderick Rudolph, 15, of 3026 Oak Green Ct. in Ellicott City were charged with first and second degree rape, first and second degree sexual offense, conspiracy to commit rape and conspiracy to commit a sexual offense. After consultation with the Howard County State's Attorney's Office, police charged all three suspects *as adults*. The victim will not be identified due to the nature of the incident.

Yesterday afternoon, the girl reported to school administrators and the school resource officer that she had been raped. She advised that three students she knew by name, Berry, Myrick and Rudolph, were involved. She reported to detectives that she was taken into a school bathroom by the suspects. She advised that Myrick held her down while Berry raped her and Rudolph watched the door. After the incident, she told a school employee that she had been raped.

After a preliminary investigation, police arrested the three suspects at the school. The victim was taken to Howard County General Hospital for examination. The hospital reported to police that the results of the exam were consistent with forcible rape.

The investigation into this case is continuing.

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